

10/21/14

UUCNH Board Meeting

Board Members in attendance:

Mark Draa

Rachael Smart

Ed Rockman

Kathy Gorka

Dennis Doubleday

Bob Delaney

Lynn Richards

Ex Officio in attendance: Greta Porter, Scott Rudolph, Ellen Saksen

Joyce Kepner

Observing: Lou Bartolomucci

Randy Minnich

Opening question – size transitions

- Pastoral = pastor generally knows everyone and if you grow larger it may not be so
- Imp't to think about worship attendance vs members (how are we counting our numbers? Do we re-evaluate?) Mostly about the load on our system. However we count, be consistent.
- You can see our congregation changing/growing in the programs we offer – some still work but some do not, don't recognize everyone anymore, not the same circle of leaders
- Functions like a program church but internally there are many things that still function pastorally
- Problems come when size does not match type
- Being open to change means we cling to principles, not methods

Consent Agenda

Bylaw changes –Separate out from consent agenda. Motion to remove bylaw change from agenda - RM 1st ER 2nd, all in favor.

Fundraising – church needs to keep records on the raffle to be in compliance, gets copies of the law, administer the game in accordance with the law. Irene will give us notes for this kind of raffle. Liaison will work with Irene to solve this

Missing fundraising chair and compassionate service chair – bylaws say nomination committee gives nominations to board and then it is board's job to address.

Have we done enough to publicize paid position – facilities use gatekeeper – (\$10/day) for big events there needs to be a go-to person. **KG to help facilitate asking people.**

Motion to approve consent agenda LR 1st DD 2nd, all in favor

NORTH

SR would like UUCNH to be part of organization. If we choose to endorse NORTH, where does that leave our other two systemic change associations? (PIIN, UUPlan) Not in conflict – we support them but they have different structures. DD moves to endorse NORTH, JP 2nd, all in favor.

How will we authorize delegates for cluster? To vote, you need to be a delegate and a church gets 1 delegate per 50 congregants. (ER, (SR and GP automatic), MD, LR, JK, BD) Motion to accept 5 delegates by MD, RS 2nd. Midge to be our candidate for the board of the cluster ER 1st, DD 2nd, all in favor.

Buildings and Grounds

Motion to accept roof repairs ER recommends to ratify contract with Bautista, RM 2nd, all in favor

Little house - We do not have the right to dispose of property without congregational approval - board must approve addition of the disposal of the house to January agenda. **Mark to check with legal about definition of “disposal” and then decide at next board meeting. Also ask Chuck about liability for unused/unoccupied house on premise.**

Automatic door proposal – donor has offered to pay for it. \$3750 to rig both sets of doors to be automatic. Replacing doors would obviously cost more. Willingness to donate exceeds cost. Maintenance costs not significant. **Consensus to proceed – SR to talk to donor.**

Finance Committee

Chalice lighter grant – **give them the go ahead to apply.** LR got guidelines and if we apply and receive, we may not apply again for 2 years.

Threshold committee presentation

- Music/Art could use a committee
- Strong support for “support our youth” especially at high-school age – needs task force to look at what other churches have done – could RE take this one?
- Promoting green practices at UUCNH – develop a green committee?
- Concern for whether we have bandwidth to staff additional committees but these ideas came from people that may volunteer once the committees are established
- These groups could offer opportunity to broaden our community
- We don’t want to lose the ideas that came from visioning in case someday we can really act on them (LB)

- Threshold committee to bucket all the similar wishes, with recommendation, so board can understand what we might create committees for or how some wishes might overlap with existing committees
- Board asked to see the cards
- Suggestion – flesh out 4 items to take to congregation in Jan to see what has legs-
- Don't forget about green grant – “green committee” looking at green audit for church

Strategic Goals update

Buildings and Grounds – update list then value updated list to address needs, looks like it will drive a capital campaign for B&G, plan for help for Pete and Diana – succession planning

Governance – is it our responsibility to come up with names for additional committee members? Group should proceed to contact potentials

CAR project – some edits needed, working through docs, do we put CAR docs on website? Yes – just give to Lynn in finished form (ones that were approved last year). Kitchen coordinator resigned but will still work if memorial function/special events needed.

Board goals – JP says good for prep package, draft list started but not reviewed, in progress

Little House – see above

Communications – Board Bravo for pictures for Carmen

Greta Sabbatical

Good for Greta and good for church!

Committee of Chairs update

Will go into November – how can we expand focus

Coffee Hour

Ginny can do what she feels is appropriate. Maybe consider Whole Foods/Starbucks/Giant Eagle as sponsors?

Missing committee chairs – fundraising, compassionate service, kitchen coordinator. Lynn to make announcement in enews

9:11 ER Motion to adjourn, KG 2nd

Next meeting: 11/18/14

Action Item	Responsible Party
Get notes/guidance on how to record/track/keep compliant with regard to quilt raffle	Irene/Lynn
Need to ask more people if they would consider being facilities help	Kathy
Check with legal about definition of "disposal" and then decide at next board meeting. Also ask Chuck about liability for unused/unoccupied house on premise.	Mark
Talk to donor about automatic door possibilities	Scott
Apply for chalice lighter grant	Lynn?
Bucket all visioning wishes so we can understand possibilities, then issue top 4 in Jan to congregation	Threshold committee (with help from board?)
Get updated CAR docs onto website – give to Lynn in finished form so she can post	Rachael and Lynn
Announce in news that there is need for several committee chairs	Lynn